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## Russell Holds Secret Parley On Red Power

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Washington, Jan. 11 (News Bureau)--Sen. Richard Russell (D-Ga.), following a three-hour secret review of Communist capabilities, said today that the U.S. possesses the world's "most powerful striking forces," and the problem ahead is to maintain this superiority.

Russell, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called a joint session with the Appropri-

CIA Director John McCone. The session was a hurry-up prelude to customary hearings on the U. S. military position, which will begin immediately after the President's fiscal 1966 budget is sent to Congress Jan. 25.

### Refers to Viet War

Russell said the situation in South Viet Nam was given detailed attention and that the conviction is that the war there against the Communists cannot be won without creation of a stable government.

The Senator previously had expressed belief that the whole U.S. policy in South Viet Nam should be reviewed.

"The miracle to me is that they can carry on the war as well as they have with the changing-chair government that they have had," he said.

### Accord Between Leaders

Russell lauded Gen. Maxwell Taylor, ambassador to Saigon, for his "large part" in getting an accord of sorts between military and civilian leaders in South Viet Nam over the weekend.

Committee members declined to discuss the extended McCone testimony. But Sen. Karl Mundt (R-S.D.) said they received "no encouraging information at all about Viet Nam."

"We tend to emphasize too much an attempt to develop some kind of a democratic system over there," Mundt said.

What is needed, he added, is an authoritative government, as broadly based as possible, with "the will to win."



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Praises Gen. Taylor

ations Committee's defense subcommittee for an analysis of Communist strength and intentions by